



CANCER BURDEN

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,268,000 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 23,500 in Maryland.
- 553,400 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 10,300 in Maryland.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Maryland: 181.4 **National:** 168.3

Maryland ranks 8th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,200 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Maryland.
- 3,000 men and women will die of lung cancer in Maryland.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Maryland	National
Overall	52.9	48.7
White	51.7	48.5
Black	62.0	58.4
Hispanic	7.2	19.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	17.9	23.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	30.6

BREAST CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 4,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Maryland.
- 800 women will die of breast cancer in Maryland.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Maryland	National
Overall	26.4	24.2
White	25.1	23.8
Black	32.2	30.9
Hispanic	-	14.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	9.4	11.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	12.5

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,700 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Maryland.
- 1,100 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Maryland.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Maryland	National
Overall	19.2	16.9
White	18.0	16.4
Black	25.1	22.6
Hispanic	-	10.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	9.5	10.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	10.8

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,700 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Maryland.
- 600 men will die of prostate cancer in Maryland.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 men, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Maryland	National
Overall	26.9	23.7
White	21.7	21.7
Black	56.0	52.1
Hispanic	-	15.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	9.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	13.4

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2001. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2001. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. State death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1993–1997.

³ Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1994–1998.

⁴ Some data were excluded because there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.